



FEBRUARY 2025 BAR EXAM FAQs

These FAQs are a living document. They are subject to revision and will be supplemented and updated as needed. Please also refer to the [key dates and deadlines](#) leading up to exam day. **Deadlines will not be extended, and it is the applicant's responsibility to comply with all deadlines.**

Please note that on October 22, 2024, the California Supreme Court approved administering the California Bar Exam in two modalities, remotely and in person at vendor-run test centers. Applicants will be able to elect their preferred method for taking this exam, between remote and in-person, when submitting the bar exam application.

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FORMAT OF THE EXAM

1. What will the exam look like? What can I expect on the day(s) of the exam?

- The General Bar Exam (CBX) is a 2-day exam.
- The first day of the General Bar Exam will be comprised of five essay questions and one Performance Test question.
- The second day of the General Bar Exam includes 200 multiple-choice questions (MCQ).

2. Is there an opportunity to see the new MCQs prior to the bar exam?

Applicants who meet the qualifications for Phase One of the [California Bar Exam Experiment](#) will have the opportunity to participate in a field test of the new MCQs and the new exam delivery vendor. Applicants will also get to preview questions provided in the applicant study guide. The State Bar will post the exam schedule as soon as they are available.

3. Are there breaks during the exam?

Whether an applicant sits for the exam remotely or in person, there will be 5-minute breaks between exam sessions.

4. Will there be an opportunity to practice using the new exam delivery (or administration) software before the February 2025 CBX?

Applicants who meet the qualifications for Phase One of the [Experimental Bar Exam](#) will have the opportunity to pre-test the new exam delivery software, as well as the MCQs. Applicants will also get to test the software by completing the required proctored mock exam prior to the exam administration.

5. Where are the test centers for the February exam?

Meazure Learning has [testing locations](#) throughout California and the United States.

6. I have testing accommodations. How do I know if I can test remotely for the February 2025 CBX?

Once we finalize contracts with the selected vendor, we will be able to specify the testing accommodations that are compatible with remote proctoring. The Testing Accommodations unit will follow its regular procedures for reviewing accommodation requests and informing applicants about the outcome.

7. What happens if I test positive for COVID-19 and cannot attend the exam in-person?

If you are unable to attend the bar exam due to COVID-19 or another serious illness, you may be eligible to apply for a [50 percent medical refund of fees in accordance with the Committee’s Refund of Fees Policy](#). Please note that medical documentation is required to qualify for this refund.

TECHNOLOGICAL REQUIREMENTS

8. What kind of computer, accessories, and internet access do I need to take the February 25-26, 2025, remote bar exam?

Applicants testing remotely must use a laptop or desktop computer with a functioning microphone and web camera. Work and school-issued laptops should not be used to prevent potential issues for the exam, as they often have firewalls and require administrator rights to override. You may only use one mouse and one keyboard during the exam.

Remote Exam Takers Using the Meazure Learning Platform must meet the following Minimum System Requirements (MSRs):

Minimum System Requirements	
Operating System	Windows 10 or later Mac OS 11.0 or later All recent compatible versions of ChromeOS (Extension workflow only)
Browser (extension workflow only)	Chrome Firefox
Connectivity	3 Mbps (3072 Kbps) Upload & Download (mobile hotspots and tethering are discouraged)
Webcam	640x480 resolution

Microphone	All microphones other than those built into headphones are permitted.
Speakers	Built-in or external speakers are required.
RAM	8 GB
CPU	4 cores at 3.5-4.5ghz
Monitor Resolution	1366x768
Ports	UDP/TCP 80 UDP/TCP 443

Note: For optimal computer performance, the State Bar recommends using a laptop or desktop computer that exceeds the minimum requirements for memory and hard drive space.

Those testing in-person at Meazure Learning test centers will be provided with a computer for the examination.

9. Can I use an external monitor?

No, the exam software will detect if additional monitors are connected to the laptop or computer. As part of the security startup process, you will not be able to proceed with multiple monitors. Any extra monitors will be identified as a conduct violation subject to sanction.

10. Will the software vendor have access to sensitive information on my laptop?

The State Bar has been assured by the software vendor that its applications do not have access to, nor store, any password information on exam-takers’ devices. To learn what information Meazure Learning collects and what they do with that information, see [Meazure Learning’s privacy policy](#).

EXAM INTEGRITY

11. Will my webcam be recording me during the entire exam?

Yes. While you are logged into an exam session, the remote-proctored exam will be continuously recorded (audio and video), and you will be monitored by a human proctor.

12. What are common reasons an applicant might receive a Chapter 6 Notice for violating exam rules?

- Having a prohibited item in the exam room. A list of prohibited items will be available in the coming weeks.
- Continuing to work on the exam after time is called or the exam session is complete.
- Leaving the view of the webcam.
- Having or using an unauthorized electronic device outside of the check in process.
- Exiting the exam room outside of scheduled breaks/lunch.

- Having others (including pets) in the exam room while you are testing.
- Suspected cheating on the exam.
- Disrupted video or audio due to not meeting the Minimum System Requirements.

Note: This list is not exhaustive; applicants must adhere to all exam [rules and policies](#).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE STATE BAR

13. Are there any communications I need to look for from the State Bar?

- First, make sure that you have added “@calbar.ca.gov” to your email safelist and that you familiarize yourself with all the dates and deadlines related to the February 2025 bar exam.
- Review the Exam Policies and Prohibited Items Bulletin once it is posted.
- Starting six weeks before the exam, expect weekly Friday emails from the Office of Admissions.
- Applicants applying for testing accommodations will receive additional communications regarding those requests.

NEW ADDITIONS TO FAQs

14. Will I receive hard copies of the exam?

Most applicants will not receive hard copies of the exam. Applicants testing on a laptop or desktop computer will not receive hard copy exam materials, whether they test remotely or in person. Only handwriters and applicants granted hard copy exam materials as a testing accommodation will receive hard copy exam materials. Please note that hard copy exam materials are not compatible with the remote testing modality and are only available for in-person testing

15. Which applicants are required to pay the laptop fees?

Applicants that are testing remotely and in-person are required to pay the laptop fees. These applicants will be accessing the Meazure Learning platform, and as such, require payment of the licensing software. Applicants that require handwriting the exam are not required to pay the laptop fees.

16. Will applicants get the same break times whether they take the exam remotely or in-person?

Yes, the exam schedule applies to applicants testing remotely and at an in-person, vendor-run test center.

17. If I participate in Phase One of the CA Bar Exam Experiment in November 2024, am I eligible for a grading adjustment for the February 2025 exam? How will it get applied?

The Supreme Court has approved that a bar exam score adjustment of up to one standard deviation can be applied to CA bar exams in 2025 for those who participate

and perform well on the experimental exams. The purpose of the score adjustment is to ensure that participants are highly motivated to participate in the experiment in good faith and that the resulting data analysis will closely replicate an actual exam. Applicants who participate in Phase One and meet a minimum threshold of performance will be eligible to receive a policy-determined scale score adjustment on the multiple-choice section on their first bar exam attempt in February 2025 or July 2025.

After each phase of the experiment is complete, the State Bar's psychometrician will analyze the data and recommend the magnitude of the adjustment to the Committee of Bar Examiners, informed by the data. The same number of points will be awarded to each participant who reaches the minimum threshold of performance in their respective experimental grouping. Once the committee determines the number of points to award, any scoring adjustments will be made only after the State Bar's grading, scaling, and reappraisal procedures and processes have been completed.

18. How will I know if I am assigned to take the exam in my preferred mode?

You will receive an email from Meazure Learning, the vendor responsible for delivering and proctoring the exam, both remotely and at test centers. Applicants will be required to schedule their practice sessions and exam session. All space will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

Emails from Meazure Learning will be sent from either testingsupport@meazurelearning.com or support@meazurelearning.zendesk.com.

Please, check your spam and junk folders regularly to ensure you receive all upcoming emails from Meazure Learning. You will receive further communication from Meazure Learning regarding the following:

- Setting up your Meazure Learning account
- Scheduling your exam session
- Testing your computer equipment and preparing your space
- Accessing a tutorial for the Meazure Learning platform
- Exam day procedures and policies

19. What if I am unable to get into a vendor-run test site close to me, can I switch to take the exam remotely? How do I do that?

Applicants who apply to take the exam in one modality and would like to switch to another mode can do so by submitting a test center change request with the CA State Bar. Applicants may submit the request through the [Applicant Portal](#) by the test center change request deadline. For the February 2025 CA bar examination, the deadline is February 3, 2025. There are no guarantees that applicants will be assigned to their preferred test location or methodology.

20. I have a disability that requires hard copy exam questions, but I will be using a laptop. What should I do?

Applicants using a laptop or desktop computer will not have access to exam paper material regardless of whether they test remotely or in-person. Applicants may request hard copy exam material as an accommodation for a disability-related functional limitation by submitting a testing accommodation request through the [Applicant Portal](#). Please use the following link to get more information about [Testing Accommodations](#).

All applicants will have access or permission to access virtual scratch paper and an 8.5" x 11" dry-erase whiteboard for use during the examination. The whiteboard will be subject to inspection, and larger sizes will not be permitted. A felt brick or fabric cloth would be allowed as a whiteboard eraser, and applicants should only bring one eraser.

21. When and how can I schedule my exam (remote or in-person)?

Approved applicants will receive an email invitation from Meazure Learning with instructions on how to schedule their exam on January 30, 2025. You will have the option to select your preferred test site, with availability on a first-come, first-served basis.

The exam scheduling instructions will be sent by our delivery vendor, Meazure Learning, from either testingsupport@meazurelearning.com or support@meazurelearning.zendesk.com. Please check your spam and junk folders regularly to ensure you receive all necessary communications from Meazure Learning.

22. What kind of identification is needed for the exam?

You are required to bring a valid government-issued photo ID, such as a driver's license, California ID card, or passport, for identity verification. The ID must be a physical hard copy, not a digital version or a photo on a phone.

23. What will the exam look like? What can I expect on the day(s) of the exam?

- The Attorneys' Examination will be administered on Tuesday, February 25, 2025.
- The General Bar Examination will be administered on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 25 and 26, 2025. The standard exam schedule will be posted on the exam website with the timeframes included for your breaks and the log-on periods (below is an example).
- Day One of the exam will be comprised of five one-hour essay sessions covering Questions 1 through 5, with a 45-minute lunch break, followed by a 90-minute Performance Test (PT).
- Day Two of the exam will be comprised of four 90-minute sessions covering 200 Multiple-Choice Questions (MCQ).
- You will have a 5-minute break between each session (Essay Questions, PT or MCQ), and then approximately 2-3 minutes after the break to log back into the next exam session after a room scan conducted by your proctor.

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Day One			Day Two		
Start Time	Session	Duration	Start Time	Session	Duration
8:00 AM	Introductions and Exam Rules	10 minutes	8:00 AM	Introductions and Exam Rules	10 minutes
8:10 AM	Question 1	60 minutes	8:10 AM	MC 1-50	90 minutes
9:10 AM	Break	5 minutes	9:40 AM	Break	5 minutes
9:15 AM	Room Scan	2 to 3 minutes	9:45 AM	Room Scan	2 to 3 minutes
9:18 AM	Question 2	60 minutes	9:48 AM	MC 51-100	90 minutes
10:18 AM	Break	5 minutes	11:18 AM	Lunch	45 minutes
10:23 AM	Room Scan	2 to 3 minutes	12:03 PM	Room Scan	2 to 3 minutes
10:26 AM	Question 3	60 minutes	12:06 PM	MC 101-150	90 minutes
11:26 AM	Lunch	45 minutes	1:36 PM	Break	5 minutes
12:11 PM	Room Scan	2 to 3 minutes	1:41 PM	Room Scan	3 minutes
12:14 PM	Question 4	60 minutes	1:44 PM	MC 151-200	90 minutes
1:14 PM	Break	5 minutes	3:14 PM	Exam Concludes	
1:19 PM	Room Scan	2 to 3 minutes			
1:22 PM	Question 5	60 minutes			
2:22 PM	Break	5 minutes			
2:27 PM	Room Scan	2 to 3 minutes			
2:30 PM	Performance Test	90 minutes			
4:00 PM	Exam Concludes				

Here are helpful resources to prepare for exam day:

- Support Information: [This site](#) outlines support options for the Meazure Exam Platform, including details on scheduling and what to expect on exam day.
- [Process Overview Video](#) walks testers through the entire process— from booking and launching their exam to connecting with a proctor using the Guardian Secure Browser.
- [Test Center Process Video](#) provides an overview of the process for candidates testing at a Meazure Learning test center.
- [ProctorU Test Taker Library](#) is a comprehensive resource for test-takers needing assistance with the remote proctoring platform.

24. During the exam, may I go back and edit answers from prior questions?

- Essay and Performance Test (PT) – No. To ensure the integrity of the exam, applicants will be given access to the questions one at a time. After each one-hour essay is taken, you will no longer have access to that essay. The same is true for the PT. You will not be able to go back to prior questions and edit your answers.
- Multiple-choice questions (MCQs) – Yes. The exam is administered over four 90-minute sessions each comprised of 50 multiple-choice questions. You can flag multiple-choice questions that you would like to return to during that session. Once the session is over, you will not be allowed to return to those 50 questions.

25. Can I bring my own stationery/office supplies?

Remote applicants may use their own whiteboard, with a maximum size of 8.5” x 11”. A felt brick or fabric cloth would be allowed as a whiteboard eraser, and applicants should only bring one eraser. Multiple colors of dry erase markers can be used for notetaking. At test centers, whiteboards and black dry erase markers will be provided for in-person testers. Writers can bring pens, pencils, and highlighters.

26. Are there highlighting and copy/paste features in the Meazure Learning platform?

While the mock exam does not have the highlight and copy/paste feature for the Performance Test, those features will be available for other question types. Only one highlighter color will be available for the mock exam.

IN-PERSON APPLICANTS

27. Are restrooms available at the test center?

Yes, restrooms are available, however, the exact location will vary between test centers. You should familiarize yourself with the restroom location and use them before the exam begins to avoid missing important instructions. No extra time will be granted for restroom breaks.

28. Will I be able to use my own laptop?

Those testing in-person at Meazure Learning test centers will be provided with a computer for the examination; applicants will not be using their personal laptops or computers to take the exam in person.

29. I applied to take the exam in-person and would like to take it remotely now. Am I eligible?

You may reschedule from in-person testing to a live online proctored exam, provided that you're within the test center change deadline. The test center fee will not be refunded.

30. Can I cancel my test center appointment?

Yes, you may cancel a scheduled test center appointment at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the scheduled appointment date and time by accessing Meazure Learning's online test scheduling system.

31. Do I need to take the mock exam?

Applicants testing in-person will be given an opportunity to take an unproctored mock exam. The mock exams provide applicants with an opportunity to become familiar with the platform functions. It will simulate key aspects of the exam-day experience.

If you are registered to take the exam as a hand writer, you will not be using the Meazure Learning platform, and a mock exam is NOT required to test your equipment. However, should you decide to switch from a hand-written exam to a computer-based exam, you WILL be required to take the mock exam. Any requests to change your test method must be done prior to the mock exam final scheduling deadline, January 13–16, 2025. Please note that hand writers will not be allowed to change test methods after the mock exam deadline has passed. If you switch test methods and fail to take the mock exam, you will not be allowed to sit for the exam, and you will not be issued a refund.

There is a two-step process for completing the required mock exam:

- Step One: On January 13, 2025, applicants will receive an email from Meazure Learning to schedule their mock exam. Applicants will need to schedule their mock exams between January 13 and 16, 2025.
- Step Two: The mock exam session will be held between January 17 and January 22, 2025.

REMOTE PROCTORED EXAM APPLICANTS

32. How do I establish my identity at the beginning of the exam?

You will be required to show a valid government-issued photo ID, such as a driver's license,

California ID card, or passport, to confirm your identity.

33. Can I have someone enter the exam room?

No one else is permitted to enter the exam room while the exam is in progress. If another individual enters the room, you will be flagged and issued an exam rule violation notice.

34. Can I smoke or vape during the exam?

Smoking and vaping are not allowed.

35. Will the test be administered outside of California?

All test takers have to test on Pacific Standard Time (PST) regardless of whether you are taking the exam remotely or in a test center outside of California. This includes taking the test internationally.

36. Can I take the exam at a test center outside of the United States?

International testing is only available remotely.

37. Can foreign applicants take the online exam?

Eligibility for who may sit for this exam has not changed. If you have been deemed eligible for the bar exam and can meet all the outlined testing conditions for a remote exam, you can take the test from any location. Times identified for the exam are Pacific Standard Time. Depending on your location, the actual time of day for you may vary.

38. If I have been granted a testing accommodation which would require that I take the exam in person, but would rather waive that accommodation to test remotely, is that allowed?

Applicants can choose to waive their accommodations and take the remote exam without the accommodations. You don't have to withdraw from the exam.

39. Is water and food permitted in the exam room?

One bottle of water is permitted. The bottle must be clear, plastic, with a lid, and no larger than 32 ounces. The bottle cannot have writing or labels. All other liquids or food are not permitted unless you've been approved for accommodations.

40. Will I be able to use my own laptop?

You should utilize your personal laptop or computer. Work or school-issued laptops should not be used, as these devices often have firewalls and restricted permissions that can interfere with the exam software.

41. Do I need to take the mock exam?

Applicants testing remotely will be required to take a mock exam that will assess whether their laptops meet the system requirements and are compatible with the Measure Learning exam platform. Applicants who do not take the mock exam will not be allowed to sit for the exam. Refunds will not be issued for applicants who fail to take the mock exam. Applicants who take the mock exam and discover their computer system is not compatible with the Measure Learning platform should seek an alternative laptop or computer; they will have the opportunity to retest that system as long as availability exists in the testing window.

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There is a two-step process for completing the required mock exam:

- Step One: On January 13, 2025, applicants will receive an email from Meazure Learning inviting them to schedule their mock exam. Applicants will need to schedule their mock exams between January 13 and 16, 2025.
- Step Two: The mock exam session will be held between January 17 and January 22, 2025. It will simulate key aspects of the exam-day experience. Remote applicants must take the proctored mock exam before they are allowed to sit for the California Bar Exam.

ALL OTHER INQUIRIES

For questions about the California Bar Exam, contact the State Bar's Office of Admissions by sending an email directly from your [Applicant Portal](#) or calling one of the following numbers:

- Los Angeles: 213-765-1000
- San Francisco: 415-538-2000

For questions related to Meazure Learning remote testing, please contact [ProctorU's Support Team](#). Note that ProctorU and Yardstick have been rebranded under the unified name of Meazure Learning. While ProctorU's platform and services have retained their original brand, Yardstick's exam software is called the Meazure Exam Platform.

UPDATES

1/8/2025

- FAQ #21, 25, 31 and 41 were revised.

1/7/2025

- FAQ #4, 8, 13, 20, 23, 37, and 40 were revised.
- FAQ #25, 26, 31 and 41 were added.
- "All Other Inquiries" was added.

12/16/2024

- FAQ #3, 7-9, 14, 19, and 22 were revised.
- FAQ # 12, 23, 24, 27, 28, and 33-37 were added.

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- FAQ #5 was revised.
- FAQ #21 was added.

11/13/2024

- FAQ # 8, 9, 12, 14, 19, and 20 were revised.
- FAQ #27 was added.

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- FAQ #20 was revised.

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10/25/2024

- FAQ # 2, 4, 5, 6, and 8 were revised.
- FAQ # 14-25 were added.
- FAQs were renumbered to be in sequential order.

9/30/2024

- FAQs created and posted online.